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SUBJECT: DEALING WITH HOST COUNTRY BOYCOTT
PRACTICES

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1. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT APPROACH TO GOE AUTHORITIES IN CONNECTION WITH SPECIFIC BOYCOTT PROBLEMS ENCOUNTERED BY U.S. FIRMS MIGHT BE USEFUL, AND COULD BE CONSIDERED IN APPROPRIATE CASES. GOE OFFICIALS HAVE IN PAST INDICATED WILLINGNESS TO BE FLEXIBLE, TO EXTENT PRACTICABLE, ON BOYCOTT ISSUES. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, THINK THAT IDEA OF ASKING GOE TO INTERVENE AT CBO LEVEL ON BEHALF OF INDIVIDUAL FIRMS IS LIKELY TO BE A VERY FRUITFUL APPROACH. GOE LEADERSHIP IS CURRENTLY KEENLY AWARE OF EGYPT'S ISOLATION IN ARAB WORLD BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE AND IS NOT DISPOSED TO EXPOSE ITSELF TO ADDITIONAL CRITICISM BY CHALLENGING CBO ON AS SENSITIVE AN ISSUE AS
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THE BOYCOTT.

2. ONE OF GREATEST DIFFICULTIES IN THIS AREA OF CONCERN IS LACK OF CLARITY ABOUT WHAT LANGUAGE, EXPRESSIONS, AND ACTIONS ARE PERMISSIBLE UNDER U.S. LEGISLATION AND WHAT ARE NOT. WE RECOGNIZE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LEGISLATION AND THE FACT

THAT IMPLEMENTING REGULATIONS FOR THE EXPORT
ADMINISTRATION ACT HAVE ONLY RECENTLY BEEN
FINALIZED. WE UNDERSTAND ALSO THE CONSIDERATIONS
UNDERLYING POLICY ENUNCIATED PARA 3 REF B, BUT
WITH RESPECT TO LETTERS OF CREDIT, FOR EXAMPLE,
IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE SPECIFIC "APPROVED"
LANGUAGE TO OFFER GOE FOR CONSIDERATION. FORMU-
LATIONS SUGGESTING MERELY THE USE OF "NORMAL
COMMERCIAL DOCUMENTATION" (REF B) ARE NOT HELPFUL
TO HOST COUNTRY GOVERNMENTS ATTEMPTING TO DEAL IN
THEIR REGULATIONS WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S.
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